

600 WAVES, SPARS 'LOGGED' AT HUNTER

Vanguard of 6,000 Due in Next Six Weeks 'Dock' Here to Begin 'Boot' Training

WAR WORKER A TRAINEE

Sister of Two Army Officers Feels She Can Do More for Country in the Navy

Six hundred enthusiastic Waves and Spars trainees "docked" here yesterday to begin their six-week "boot" training at the Naval Training School at Hunter College in the Bronx.

They were the vanguard of 6,000 Waves and Spars who will be "logged" at the school in the next six weeks. Two thousand more are expected in the next three days. The girls will be guided by strict Navy regulations and will not be allowed to leave their quarters unless given "shore leave." Their clothing will be official Navy and Coast Guard uniforms.

The girls began arriving yesterday morning at Grand Central Terminal and Pennsylvania Station, where they were met by Wave and Spar officers and taken in groups by subway to the school. They carried light luggage and the majority had portable radios.

Detours to Visit Father

The first contingent arrived at the Pennsylvania Station from St. Louis at 9:10 A. M. The group of twenty was joined by Miss Catherine Anderson, 22 years old, of Detroit, who had obtained special permission to detour by way of Norfolk, Va., to visit her father, Lieut. Comdr. William K. Anderson.

With another group arrived 21-year-old Mary Horne from Carriere, Miss., about fifty miles north of New Orleans. She is the daughter of Dr. Frederick Horne, and has two brothers in the Army, Major John H. Horne and Lieutenant W. Hooper Horne.

Miss Horne, who said she had been working in a war plant near her home, added: "I am thrilled to death to join the Waves. I think I can do more for my country that way than I can working in a war plant."

The academic atmosphere at Hunter College was engulfed in a nautical background ready for the initial launching of the largest "boot" camp in the country. Shore patrols were on duty on the campus. Women watch officers patrolled each of the thirteen apartment houses in the Kingsbridge section, vacated by civilians to make quarters for the trainees.

"Logged" Into Quarters

On arrival at the school the trainees were marched into Student Hall and "logged" into quarters. Mess followed in dining rooms equipped for 500 persons at a sitting.

Assignment to quarters, two to four girls to each room, followed. The girls underwent physical examinations conducted by eight doctors, assisted by a corps of nurses. Then they were ready to start their training under the supervision of Captain William F. Amsden, assisted by 150 officers, 100 of whom are women, already on duty.

The trainees will be handled in shifts. Some will rise at 6 A. M. and complete their day with lights out at 9:30 P. M. Others will rise at 6:30 A. M. and finish at 10 P. M.

They will be permitted an hour to an hour and a half to themselves. They will remain in civilian clothing for two weeks until their uniforms are fitted. They are allowed \$200 for the uniforms. After their six-weeks course each will be assigned to a specialist school.

Visitors were barred from all buildings and quarters used by the trainees.

WAVES AND SPARS REPORT AT NEW BRONX TRAINING CENTER



First arrivals leaving for quarters after registering at one of the buildings of the Hunter College branch
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